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The Mexican Negotiations.

A staff correspondent of The Star
sends the following from New York:

"Politicians and side line observers in both parties are expecting a coup by the administration in the Mexican situation some time in October, the estimates setting it close upon the eve of the elections. The republicans hear intimations of it and are uneasy. They do not quite know what it is to be, but fear that the President is getting ready to 'hand them something,' as they put it. They feel that the action in the railway strike was to express it politely and not use their expression of a 'frame-up'—opportunity, and while they are confident that they will benefit in the end by that, they do not feel so sure of some dramatic play over Mexico, which they apprehend the administration is getting ready to make."

This maneuver might prove a boom-crash. It could not be executed without the co-operation of the members of the joint commission, and they are under implied obligations not to play politics. However much Mr. Lane as a member of Mr. Wilson's cabinet, Judge Gray as a lifelong democrat and Mr. Mott as a personal friend may desire Mr. Wilson's re-election, they could not with propriety use their places on the commission to promote that end.

Much more improper would it be for the Mexican members of the commission to assist in such a performance. As supporters of Gen. Carranza, and practically his personal representatives in this business, they may desire Mr. Wilson's re-election; but as guests of the country, and without a say as to its domestic affairs, they are barred from any sort of connection with our presidential campaign. Mr. Wilson has said that Americans shall not "butt in" respecting Mexican affairs, and by the same token Mexicans should not "butt in" respecting American affairs.

And especially unfortunate both for Mexico and America would the maneuver be should Mr. Wilson be defeated. The negotiations having been tarred with a partisan stick would probably go for nothing on that account, and the failure add to difficulties already great enough.

How long the commission should sit is, of course, a question. Much is to be done, and only a beginning has been made. A proposition unsuggested when the commission was appointed—at any rate unannounced to the public—is that of "stalking" Mexico in her present financial helplessness. She must have a large sum of money, and, it appears, is looking to us for it. Now if we "stake" her in this way our connection with Mexican rule will become most intimate; and it should not be established without the most careful consideration of every detail, financial, political and diplomatic.

Election day is only a month and a half away—so close that this Mexican matter can very well be held up until after the voters have formally expressed themselves as to American policies for the coming four years.

There will be a warm welcome to W. J. Bryan as a campaign speaker. Mr. Bryan makes oratory something more than a means of advancing a practical purpose. With Mr. Bryan oratory is an art and we must claim the admiration of all who admire good diction and magnetic personalities.

A horse car conductor in New York said he did not know there was any strike. It takes all kind of people to make a metropolis and the old-fashioned conservative type of citizenship sooner or later is bound to assert itself.

It cannot be expected that some of the distinguished Maine democrats who were defeated in spite of the respect in which their abilities are popularly held will be content to regard the result as a foregone conclusion.

Farmers may note with some satisfaction that in accordance with the usual course of events, when crops are not so large, the demand is heavier and prices are higher.

The Balkan Campaign.

In the Balkan campaign the most noteworthy successes are those scored on the left by the Serbians, who have driven the Bulgars back a long distance and have now pressed them to practically the Greek-Serbian frontier, from positions well within Greek territory. The organized Serb army was outfitted and equipped by the French and English on the island of Corfu, and landed at Saloniki, according to dispatches, 100,000 strong. They were given a difficult post to hold and they have justified the confidence reposed in them by their recent work. They are fighting for the recovery of their land, and they face a bitterly hated foe. They have abundant reason for their activity.

Today comes a surprising note in the dispatches of the Teuton-Bulgar successes in the Dobruja, where the central powers' forces are advancing at a rapid rate in the invasion of Rumania. The statement is made that among the troops in retreat, with Russians and Rumanians, were Serbs, a division in

strength. Just how and when these Serbs got into the Dobruja is a mystery. The only conceivable explanation is that they were driven into Rumania during the Austro-German drive through Serbia months ago, and were interned there. No previous mention has been made of them, and their appearance on the battlefield is a surprise.

The Dobruja drive of the central power forces is carrying the battle dangerously far into Rumania, but apparently is not affecting the Rumanian invasion of Transylvania. If it was intended as a counter move to check the aggression upon Hungary it has seemingly failed of its purpose. Meanwhile the allies are creeping up on the Bulgars in the south, perhaps not advancing as rapidly as the forces under Mackensen are moving north again into Rumania, but striking, nevertheless, at a more vital point than any that Rumania offers, the railroad to Constantinople. It is, possibly, Mackensen's strategy to sweep into Rumania and, if possible, destroy her fighting power before turning south and meeting the allied armies in Macedonia, trusting to the rapidity of the stroke to be in season to safeguard the railroad line.

The New War Monster.

Evidently the British have turned an important trick in the war in the production of the motor forts which in the big drive of last week caused tremendous havoc in the German lines. These monster perambulating batteries, secretly built in England and shipped to France and tried out in the seclusion of the country far behind the lines, struck the Teutons into complete bewilderment. The war has developed many surprising things, but evidently none that has created such a sensation as the "tanks," as the soldiers call them, which amble leisurely over the roughest ground, straddle trenches and shell craters, plow through woods, cut down small trees, scale walls—all these marvels are related in the late dispatches—and withstand the hottest fire of rifles and machine guns.

Of the dimensions and shape of these creatures—they are apparently regarded by the troops as almost endowed with life—practically nothing is known. How many men are required to man them, what guns they carry, what their travel capacity is, and what their limitations are, is unexplained. Probably nobody has as keen a curiosity about them as the Germans, who find their field of invention in war invaded. That a desperate effort will be made to capture one of these motor forts in order to secure its secret of construction and operation goes without saying. But apparently there is no way to catch one unless it wanders too far within the line and runs out of "juice," or is crippled by motor trouble, or is hit by a big shell. Evidently the British do not intend to use it on adventurous errands, but plan to keep it with the infantry lines, acting as a supplement to them.

Readers of the earlier highly imaginative stories of H. G. Wells, such as "The War of the World," will recall the accounts of the monstrous constructions used in battle, the strange crawling things that spat death from behind impregnable armor. Here is the same sort of thing in actual combat. It may be that some of Mr. Wells' apparently fantastic conceptions of his fiction of a dozen or twenty years ago are being worked out in the laboratories and shops of England. A few more such creations as the new battlefield motor fort and Germany will indeed be in straits.

The consideration shown the foreign representatives in conference at New London should afford Mexico a valuable example of the manner in which visitors ought to be treated.

Newark, N. J., had an ammonia explosion which blew up a dairy. New Jersey may contemplate the demonstration with some shade of relief, inasmuch as no foreign conspiracy is suspected.

Buenos Aires is paying higher salaries to a famous tenor than he receives in New York. This competition may yet cause reasonable complaint about the high cost of living.

Hints that the flea may be responsible for infantile paralysis invites a vigorous campaign on general principles. Like the housefly, the flea has no friends.

There will be no excuse for any in expert typist who falls into the error of making "pork campaign" appear as "pork campaign."

A candidate's speeches invariably arouse the disapproval of a great many people whom he did not expect to please in the first place.

The Sympathy Strike Situation.

It is explained on behalf of some of the unions in New York, which it is proposed to call out on strike in conjunction with the strike of the traction workers, that this would not be a "sympathy" strike, but that the men have grievances of their own that they wish to have settled. Of course, nobody takes this plea seriously. Were it not for the traction strike there would be no talk of walkouts in these other trades. There have been no complaints, no negotiations, no attempts at adjustment, in these trades. The grievances may have existed, but they have not been made the subject of direct dealings and cannot now be cited as justification for strikes that would tie up New York completely. Apparently the first move is to be made by the longshoremen, who have voted to give to the president of their union the full power to call a strike at any time he thinks it justified. With this power in his possession he exerts a great influence upon the situation in New York today. He may, at a word, paralyze New York's shipping, practically block the export trade, and choke off

the supplies that enter the city by water for the feeding, heating and lighting the metropolis. It is a great responsibility, especially as if he gives the word for the longshoremen to strike other trades will follow until perhaps several hundred thousand men will quit work and New York will be in the grip of the greatest crisis in its history.

James C. Courts.

In the course of his long service with the House appropriations committee the people of Washington came to know well and to respect highly James C. Courts, who for more than thirty-two years was the clerk of that important body. Mr. Courts had become a most valued official in this capacity. His knowledge of fiscal legislation was unequalled. Session after session he simplified the work of the appropriations committee by shaping the bills for their detailed consideration, and in the course of the deliberations upon them was of infinite service in citing precedents and records and in adding knowledge as to the conditions affecting the allotment of funds. Representatives of the capital who had business with the appropriations committee found him always helpful and courteous, sympathetic to their often difficult situation and in many ways a guide and aid. His unflinching spirit of service was a standard for all Capitol workers. In innumerable ways Mr. Courts impressed himself upon the record as a man of marked ability and left a memory of which his family and his friends may well feel proud. Despite his long years of service at the Capitol he had not reached an advanced age, and his untimely death is a matter of the deepest regret and sorrow.

Japan, though conveying every assurance of an intention of preserving peace in the far east, is in no wise liable to be mistaken for an inveterate pacifist.

Aeroplanes and dirigibles have put far into the past the days when all a country fair needed for a big feature was a balloon ascension.

In campaign times the handwriting on the wall is invariably regarded as addressed to the opposition camp.

Champ Clark is one of the most outspoken of speakers.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Modern Advantages.
"So you think a young man has more opportunities than he had some time ago."

"In some respects," replied Mr. Cumrox. "A young man now can start in with golf and motoring when he likes. I didn't have a chance at 'em till I was well into middle age."

Compelling Curiosity.
"What did you think of that movie star's acting?"
"I didn't go to see the acting. I went to see what a person who can draw such an enormous salary looks like."

Election Time.
November brings a glad repose
Or the regrets of labor lost.
For some the fruits of toil it shows;
For some it means an early frost.

Instruction.
"I suppose it's to be a campaign of education out your way?"
"I'm afraid so," replied Senator Sorghum. "Some of my constituents say this is the year they are going to teach me a lesson."

Wholesale Retribution.
"I hear they are going to close up the saloons in Crimson Gulch."
"Yes," exclaimed Tarantula Tim. "The licker has been gettin' poorer every year an' us citizens is willin' to go without fur awhile fur the sake of punishin' the bartenders."

Holiday Anticipation.
"I's waitin' foh Thanksgiving day
To come aroun' once mo'.
I's giner celebratin' de day
As I has done befo'.
De orators won't have to teach
An' set de nation's pace.
We won't need much of any speech—
Except foh sayin' grace."

It ain't nobody's birthday, made
Foh talkin' 'bout de past.
Dar ain't no call to serenade
Nor blow de bugle blast.
Foh Christmas, dey goes on deir way
Clean 'round agin till fall;
Thankgivin' day, I wants to sav,
Is 'bout de best of all."

Discrimination.
From the Columbus Ohio State Journal.
All old Ananias did was to tell a whopper about how much he got for something he sold, and still candidates, and even campaign managers, are allowed to live on.

Don't Have to Eat It.
From the Indianapolis News.
The Indiana papaw is once more on the market. In one respect this remarkable fruit is like the alligator pear. Its consumption is not legally compulsory.

The Absent One.
From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
The Red Head League recently organized and elected its full set of officers in the absence from the country of Victor Murdock.

A Lost Art.
From the Knoxville Journal and Tribune.
Eating is said to be a lost art in America. Were it said that getting something to eat is a difficult art, it wouldn't be far wrong.

Mexico's Money.
From the Philadelphia Press.
In spite of the increasing price of paper, the paper money in Mexico gets no additional value.

Promise of Relief.
From the Indianapolis News.
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